

better protection of the industry, with the understanding that Maryland would reciprocate in enacting similar laws, it is proposed to repeal and re-enact certain sections of Article 39, title "Fish and Fisheries," sub-title "Crabs," so as to conform with the laws now in effect in Virginia pertaining to the minimum size of crabs permitted to be caught, defining a peeler crab, and prohibiting green and buckram crabs to be kept in floats, therefore:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 105, 109 and 110 of Article 39, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Section 105. Any resident of Maryland desiring to take or catch crabs from the waters thereof for market, and each person working on any boat used in taking or catching of crabs, shall first obtain a numbered license from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County in which he resides, or from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, if he resides in Baltimore City, and shall pay the sum of \$2, and in addition thereto 25c to the Clerk of the Court for issuing same, which license shall be good for the year of issuance only and shall entitle the person obtaining same to take or catch crabs by any of the methods now used, including scrape, nets, dip nets or trot line. Provided, that such license shall not authorize the taking or catching of crabs in any creek, cove, river, inlet, bay or sound within the limits of any county other than that wherein the license shall have been granted; and that the boundaries of the counties or navigable waters shall be strictly construed so as not to permit the residents of either county to take or catch crabs beyond the middle of the dividing channel; provided, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of counties divided by a river from using such dividing river in common. All persons taking or catching crabs under the provisions of this article shall exhibit their license for so doing when required by any officer of the oyster police force, or other officers of the State. Boys twelve years of age and under shall not be required to obtain a license. Non-residents of Maryland shall not be permitted to catch crabs from the waters thereof for market. Residents of Baltimore City may be licensed to catch crabs in Anne Arundel or Baltimore Counties.